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Security Council

10 a.m.	5570th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council mission

   Briefing by the Head of the Security Council Mission in Afghanistan

Morning[1]	5571st meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Africa

   Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

3.30 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Sudan

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5570th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3–3.30 p.m.	57th plenary meeting	Conference Room 2

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/61/250/Add.3) [7]

Informal consultations of the plenary on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Mandating and delivering: analysis and recommendations to facilitate the review of mandates"

10 a.m.	16th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Children and armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 22 November 2006, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than *five minutes*.

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).

Main Committees

Second Committee

3.30 p.m. . . . . 31st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [42]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.46

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: international financial system and development [51 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.3 and A/C.2/61/L.41

3. Sustainable development . . . . . [53]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.23/Rev.1

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.26 and A/C.2/61/L.45

4. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research . . [59 (b)]

*Action on draft decision A/C.2/61/L.38**

[*Note:* Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 51st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . 52nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [41]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.54/Rev.1

2. Advancement of women . . . . . [61 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.10/Rev.1

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [63 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.12 and A/C.3/61/L.16/Rev.1

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . . . [65 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.53/Rev.1

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.13/Rev.1, A/C.3/61/L.30/Rev.1, A/C.3/61/L.33, A/C.3/61/L.34 and A/C.3/61/L.35

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . [67 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.38/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.3/61/L.56), A/C.3/61/L.40, A/C.3/61/L.42 and A/C.3/61/L.43

7. Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto: A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1) and draft decision A/C.3/61/L.58

8. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

   Programme of work of the Third Committeee for the sixty-second session (A/C.3/61/L.61)

9. Programme planning . . . . . [118]

10. Completion of the work of the Third Committee

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 24th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/61/521 and A/61/575) [139]

Introduction and general discussion

2. United Nations pension system (A/61/9, A/C.5/61/2 and A/61/545) [126]

General discussion

3. Pattern of conferences [121]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.6

4. Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [117]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.8

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 139 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/61/521 and A/61/575)); and 134 (Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (A/61/468 and A/61/551))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Strengthening of the Council and issues pending from the 2006 substantive session

General Assembly

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Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Facilitator, Mr. Khaled El-Bakly (Egypt), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the Woprld Summit on Sustainable Development) — International Year on Sanitation

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 7.*

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda item 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From *4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.*

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Wednesday, 22 November 2006

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 22 November 2006

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 7

JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)

9.15–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 6

Asian Group (at the ambassadorial level) (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under genda item 69 (a); and on international migration and development)

10–11 a.m. ..... Closed meeting ..... Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. ..... Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 5

African Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. ..... Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 7

Latin American and Caribbean States Group at the ambassadorial level)

3–4 p.m. ..... Closed meeting ..... Trusteeship Council Chamber

Other activities

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Wednesday, 22 November 2006

Third Annual Web4Dev Conference and AIT Global–18th Annual Conference and Exhibit: joint event on "Web-based communication, collaboration and best practices for development" (sponsored by the Department of Information (DPI) and the Global Alliance for ICT and Development (UNGAID)) (20–22 November 2006)

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford, UNGAID (e-mail stafford@un.org); Ms. Lilia Vázquez, DPI (e-mail vazquez@un.org); or Ms. Soad Sommereyns, DPI (e-mail sommereyns@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon — Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (to announce this year's grantees of the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 27th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, in the afternoon, in a conference room to be announced. The Committee will take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

Friday, 24 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room S-770; and

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Ms. Naoko Yamamoto (Japan), under agenda item 59 (a) (Training and research: United Nations University)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 297th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 24 November 2006, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations (closed), convened by the Permanent Mission of Angola, for members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, on Monday, 27 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other forthcoming meetings

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African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Galvanizing action towards ending violence against women", to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Janette Amer, DAW (tel. 1 (212) 963-5361; e-mail amer@un.org); or Ms. Yasmeen Hassan, DAW (tel. 1 (212) 963-3162; e-mail hassan30@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Environmental governance: Key issues and perspectives" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social affairs, the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com); or the Permanent Mission of Switzerland (tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1117).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), by Wednesday, 29 November 2006.]

Announcements

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *today*, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 21 November 2006

Security Council

5567th meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Germany and Italy, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/900, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/900) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/900) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1722 (2006).

5568th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Cuba, Finland, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Israel, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 20 November 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2006/904), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United Republic of Tanzania, Congo, Ghana, France, Japan, China, Qatar (who also made a statement on behalf of the League of Arab States), Slovakia, Argentina, Denmark, the United States, Greece and the Russian Federation, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Peru.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Finland (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, which aligned themselves with this statement), Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5569th meeting — *The situation in the Middle East*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at her request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/46).

General Assembly

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

26th meeting — *United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East* [31]

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [32]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.12, A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18

The observer for Palestine and the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

The Committee decided to postpone action on draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 31 and 32, to Tuesday, 28 November.

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

50th meeting — *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions* . . . . . [41]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.55

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Namibia (on behalf of the African Group) made a statement.

Austria, Barbados, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Dominica, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Mauritania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.55, without a vote.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . . . [65 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.53/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and South Africa, the Committee agreed to defer action on the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.21/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

The representative of Peru announced that China, Cuba, El Salvador, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, the Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nicaragua, the Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.21/Rev.1, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.22

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

The representative of Rwanda orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Equatorial Guinea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Botswana, the Comoros, Costa Rica, Croatia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Lesotho, Liberia, Nicaragua, Portugal, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and Uganda also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Portugal, Cuba and Nicaragua made statements.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.22, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.29/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico announced that Algeria, Armenia, Colombia, Guyana and Indonesia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Cambodia, Cameroon, Eritrea, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, the Sudan and Togo also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.29/Rev.1, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.32/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

The representative of Belgium announced that Chile, the Gambia, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, the Philippines, Rwanda and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Andorra, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritania, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tuvalu and Uganda also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.32/Rev.1, without a vote.

Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . . . [67 (c)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.41

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The representative the Islamic Republic of Iran moved for the adjournment of the debate under rule 116 of the rules of procedure.

Statements in favour of the motion were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Indonesia; statements against the motion were made by the representatives of Canada and Australia.

The motion was rejected, by a recorded vote of 77 to 75, with 24 abstentions.

The Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications arising from the draft resolution and made technical corrections to the text.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Switzerland, also on behalf of Liechtenstein, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic States), Mexico and Panama.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.41, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 70 to 48 with 55 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Belarus, Egypt, Cuba, Zimbabwe, China, Myanmar, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Uzbekistan, Barbados, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Islamic Republic of Iran. After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Sixth Committee

23rd meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [100]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 100.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.17, on behalf of the Bureau. The draft resolution was orally revised by the representative of Canada and the Chairman, and orally amended by the representative of Qatar.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.17.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.17, as orally revised and amended, without a vote.

The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Cuba and Pakistan spoke in explanation of position before taking action on the draft resolution; and the representative of Tunisia spoke in explanation of position after taking action on the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.6/61/L.19, containing its provisional programme of work for the sixty-second session.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of draft decision A/C.6/61/L.19.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs. Geneva, 13 July 1931 and Lake Success, New York, 11 December 1946

Succession to the Convention as amended: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol Bringing under International Control Drugs Outside the Scope of the Convention of 13 July 1931 for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 11 December 1946. Paris, 19 November 1948

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol for Limiting and Regulating the Cultivation of the Poppy Plant, the Production of, International and Wholesale Trade in, and use of Opium. New York, 23 June 1953

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 30 March 1961

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Geneva, 25 March 1972

Succession (with confirmation of the reservation confirmed by Serbia and Montenegro upon succession): Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. Geneva, 13 November 1979

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP). Geneva, 28 September 1984

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/61/PV.16	Meeting held on 22 September 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

A/61/PV.17	Meeting held on 22 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
A/61/PV.18	Meeting held on 25 September 2006, 9 a.m. [C E F R S]
A/61/PV.19	Meeting held on 25 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A E R S]
A/61/PV.21	Meeting held on 26 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A E S]
A/61/PV.22	Meeting held on 27 September 2006, 10 a.m. [A E]

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A/61/122/Add.1/Corr.1	Item 61 (a) — Advancement of women: advancement of women — In-depth study on all forms of violence against women — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/389	Items 85 — Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/390	Item 86 — Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/393	Item 89 — Prevention of an arms race in outer space — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/398	Item 94 — Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/399	Item 95 — Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/410	Item 34 — Questions relating to information — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/61/572	Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Letter dated 9 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/579-S/2006/896	Item 19 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 14 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.23	Item 62 (a) — New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support — South Africa: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/61/L.25	Item 16 — The situation in Afghanistan — Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Fiji, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq,

Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Yemen: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/61/L.38* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/61/L.45 Item 53 (c) — Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.26 — International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/61/L.13/Rev.1 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Cuba and Qatar: revised draft resolution — The human rights situation arising from the recent Israeli military operations in Lebanon [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.16/Rev.1 Item 63 (a) — Promotion and protection of the rights of children: promotion and protection of the rights of children — Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Congo, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Jamaica, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): revised draft resolution — Rights of the child [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.21/Rev.1 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Djibouti, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, Uruguay and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: revised draft resolution — Human rights and extreme poverty [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.29/Rev.1 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Tajikistan and Uruguay: revised draft resolution — Protection of migrants [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.32/Rev.1 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova (Republic of), Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United Republic of Tanzania: revised draft resolution — Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.53/Rev.1 Item 65 (b) — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Russian Federation and South Africa: revised draft resolution — Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.54/Rev.1 Item 41 — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Central African Republic, Comoros, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan and Thailand: revised draft resolution — New international humanitarian order [A C E F R S]

Sixth Committee

A/C.6/61/L.17 Item 100 — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Security Council **Documents**

S/2006/682 Letter dated 22 August 2006 from the Acting Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2006/881 Letter dated 7 November 2006 from the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2006/886 Letter dated 13 November 2006 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/61/579–S/2006/896 Letter dated 14 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Pre-session working group
Thirty-seventh session

CEDAW/C/2007/I/3/Add.1
Item 7 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Reports provided by specialized agencies of the United Nations on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities — Note by the Secretary-General — Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations [A C E F R S]

CEDAW/C/KAZ/Q/2/Add.1
Responses to the list of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the second periodic report — Kazakhstan [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

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Official meetings

[There are no meetings scheduled at Headquarters, *today*, 23 November 2006, official holiday.]

Friday, 24 November 2006

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 297th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Children and armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than *five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixth-first session

The 58th plenary meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2006 at 10 a.m., to consider agenda items 16 (The situation in Afghanistan) and 155 (Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade). The General Assembly will also take up the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 58 (Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system) and the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007).

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General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 24 November 2006

Room S-226

12 noon ..... Briefing by the Spokesman

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 27 November 2006

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Informal thematic debate entitled "Partnerships towards achieving the Millenium Development Goals: Taking stock, moving forward"

10 a.m. . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 27th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, in the afternoon, in a conference room to be announced. The Committee will take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Naoko Yamamoto (Japan), under agenda item 59 (a) (Training and research: United Nations University)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Serges Gba (Côte d'Ivoire), under agenda item 69 (b) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions) — Special economic assistance to Côte d'Ivoire

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 27 November 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès (Haiti), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss the theme of the annual ministerial-level substantive review of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A, to discuss the theme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

Resumed substantive session for 2006

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, at a time to be announced.

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations (closed), convened by the Permanent Mission of Angola, for members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, on Monday, 27 November 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[illegible] informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 31 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the World Diabetes Day)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on training issues and the implementation of the Revised Integrated Mission Planning Process (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).]

African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Galvanizing action towards ending violence against women", to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 27 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Janette Amer, DAW (tel. 1 (212) 963-5361; e-mail amer@un.org); or Ms. Yasmeen Hassan, DAW (tel. 1 (212) 963-3162; e-mail hassan30@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "From Bosnia to Sierra Leone: An encounter with two children of war", on the occasion of the debate of the Security Council on children and armed conflict (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laurence Gerard (tel. 1 (212) 963-0984; e-mail gerardl@un.org).]

Global forum on "Our common humanity in the information age: Principles and values for development" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Global Alliance for ICT and Development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 9.45 and 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Robert de Jesus (tel. 1 (917) 367-2432; e-mail dejesus3@un.org); or visit <www.un-gaid.org/commonhumanity>.]

Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Environmental governance: Key issues and perspectives" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social affairs, the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com); or the Permanent Mission of Switzerland (tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1117).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), by Wednesday, 29 November 2006.]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 November 2006

Security Council

5570th meeting

Security Council mission

Briefing by the Head of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the representative of Japan, His Excellency Mr. Kenzo Oshima, in his capacity as Head of the Security Council mission to Afghanistan.

5571st meeting

The situation in Africa

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Egeland.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Congo, Argentina, Denmark, the United States, Japan, France, Greece, Slovakia, China, the United Republic of Tanzania, Qatar, Ghana, the Russian Federation and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Peru.

Mr. Egeland responded to comments and questions raised.

5572nd meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/47).

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

57th plenary meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/61/250/Add.3) . . . . . [7]

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to the fourth report of the General Committee contained in document A/61/250/Add.3.

The General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (b) of agenda item 67 also directly in plenary meeting for the sole purpose of taking action during the main part of the sixty-first session on the draft convention on the rights of persons with disabilities to be recommended for adoption by the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, in its report.

The General Assembly further decided to include in the agenda of the sixty-first session an additional item entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies", under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to consider this item directly in plenary meeting.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the Member States to a revised programme of work of the General Assembly, as contained in document A/INF/61/4/Rev.2.

The President also informed Member States that on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, the General Assembly would take up, as the fourth item, agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007), to consider a report of the Fifth Committee, to be issued as document A/61/592.

Main Committees

Second Committee

31st meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [42]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.46

The representative of Australia introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Canada and Finland.

Macroeconomic policy questions: international financial system and development [51 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.3 and A/C.2/61/L.41

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Rapporteur, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, after which draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Sustainable development . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.23/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Cyprus, France, Greece and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 138 to 5, with 1 abstention.

Before the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

After the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Canada.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Lebanon and Argentina.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/61/L.26 and A/C.2/61/L.45

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, after which draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research . [59 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

*Action on draft decision A/C.2/61/L.38**

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Prayono Atiyanto (Indonesia), made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Third Committee

51st meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [41]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.54/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Jordan orally revised the text and announced that Kenya had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria and the Philippines also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.54/Rev.1, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 41.

Advancement of women [61 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.10/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France orally corrected and revised the text and announced that Mozambique, Slovenia and Sweden should have been listed as sponsors on the document. He also announced that Australia, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Montenegro, Namibia, the Philippines, Poland, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia and Zimbabwe also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.10/Rev.1, as orally corrected and revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a number of documents under the item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 61, as a whole.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [63 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.16/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Uruguay made a statement and announced that, in addition to the sponsors listed in the document, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Namibia, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,Timor-Leste, Turkey, Turkmenistan and the United Republic of Tanzania also joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Benin, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, the Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, the Philippines, Rwanda, Swaziland and Uzbekistan also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.16/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 176 to 1, with no abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Sri Lanka, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Uruguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) and Singapore.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . . . [65 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.53/Rev.1

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution read out by the Secretary at its 50th meeting.

The representative of South Africa further orally revised the draft resolution.

Kazakhstan also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.53/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 174 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Israel.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 65, as a whole.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.13/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Qatar and Israel.

The representative of Azerbaijan announced that the Member States of the United Nations members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference were also sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.13/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 109 to 7, with 59 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and the Russian Federation. After the vote, statements were made by the United States, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Argentina, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.30/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belarus made a statement and withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.30/Rev.1.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.33

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution and announced that China had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.33, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34

The Secretary read out an oral statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee agreed to defer action on the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.35, by a recorded vote of 122 to 53, with no abstentions.

52nd meeting

The summary of the 52nd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/227).

Fifth Committee

24th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea . . . . . [139]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/519).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/567).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 22 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Rosario Aguinaldo (Philippines).

United Nations pension system . . . . . [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Acting Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

Pattern of conferences . . . . . [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.6, which had been coordinated by the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement of explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.8, which had been coordinated by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna 8 April 1979

Accession: Montenegro (22 November 2006)[1]

Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. Geneva, 13 November 1979

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP). Geneva, 28 September 1984

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Succession: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Succession to signature: Montenegro (23 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Namibia

H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Myanmar

Sudan (Chairman of the Sanctions Committee)

Other matters

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Children and armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statement to no more than *five minutes*.

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).

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General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal thematic debate entitled "Partnerships towards achieving the Millenium Development Goals: Taking stock, moving forward"

10 a.m. . . . . General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 47, 113, 116, 117, 122, 123, 124, 132 and 149 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; Follow-up to the Millennium Summit; Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007; Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations; Human resources management; Joint Inspection Unit; Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; and United Nations reform: measures and proposals: Investing in the United Nations: for a stronger Organization worldwide: detailed report: procurement reform (A/60/846/Add.5 and A/60/904); and Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on procurement practices within the United Nations system (A/59/721 and A/59/721/Add.1))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 126 (United Nations pension system (A/61/9, A/C.5/61/2 and A/61/545)); and 125 (United Nations common system (A/61/30, A/61/381, A/61/484, A/60/723, A/60/30, A/60/30/Corr.1, A/59/263/Add.1, A/60/209, A/59/30 (Vol.II), A/59/153 and A/59/399))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

2. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its first session and its first and second special sessions in 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Naoko Yamamoto (Japan), under agenda item 59 (a) (Training and research: United Nations University)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Serges Gba (Côte d'Ivoire), under agenda item 69 (b) (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions) — Special economic assistance to Côte d'Ivoire

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Fom 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitators, Mr. Benedicto Fonseca Filho (Brazil) (Convention on Biological Diversity) — International Year of Biodiversity; and Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda) (Convention on Biological Diversity), under agenda item 53 (f)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Monday, 27 November 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Monday, 27 November 2006

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international trade and development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on commodities)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the World Diabetes Day)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Other activities

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Monday, 27 November 2006

Panel discussion on "Galvanizing action towards ending violence against women", to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Janette Amer, DAW (tel. 1 (212) 963-5361; e-mail amer@un.org); or Ms. Yasmeen Hassan, DAW (tel. 1 (212) 963-3162; e-mail hassan30@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 27 November 2006

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Briefing by the Spokesman

1 p.m. . . . . H.E. Ms. Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa (Bahrain), President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 28 November 2006

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

10 a.m. . . . . 58th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Afghanistan . . . . . [16]
   a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/326)
   b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.25)
2. Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade: draft resolution (A/61/L.28) . . . . . [155]
3. Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/61/427) . . . . . [58]
4. Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/592) . . . . . [117]

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 69 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) and (d)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 69 and sub-items (a) and (d), chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 27th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, in the afternoon, in a conference room to be announced. The Committee will take action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.12, submitted under agenda item 31 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East); and on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18, submitted under agenda item 32 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories).

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (a) (International trade and development)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, (Angola) under agenda item 69 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), under agenda item 53 (g) (Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from *1.15 to 2.45 p.m.* in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from *4.30 to 6 p.m.* in *Conference Room 7.*

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
Solemn meeting

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977. Representatives of all Permanent and Observer Missions and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Monday, 11 December 2006, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Léo Mérorès (Haiti), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss the theme of the annual ministerial-level substantive review of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, on Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A, to discuss the theme for the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2007.

Resumed substantive session for 2006

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, at a time to be announced.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace", under agenda item 44 (convened by the delegations of Pakistan and the Philippines)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts", under agenda item 10 (convened by the delegation of Botswana, as Chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 31 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European States Group (at the expert level)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Eastern European States Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on training issues and the implementation of the Revised Integrated Mission Planning Process (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Jolanda Profos, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-3689; e-mail profos@un.org).]

African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefing and informal exchange of ideas with delegates regarding the open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11–15 December 2006) (organized by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the secretariat of the Forum)

Friday, 8 December 2006, in Conference Room 2:

African States Group: from 10 to 11.30 a.m.;

Asian States Group: from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Eastern European Group: from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m.;

Latin American and Caribbean States Group: from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Western European and Other States Group: from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

Other forthcoming activities

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Briefing on "AIDS in Eastern Europe" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All delegations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Dr. Víctor Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail vortega@unicef.org).]

Panel discussion on "From Bosnia to Sierra Leone: An encounter with two children of war", on the occasion of the debate of the Security Council on children and armed conflict (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict)

Tuesday, 28 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laurence Gerard (tel. 1 (212) 963-0984; e-mail gerardl@un.org).]

Global forum on "Our common humanity in the information age: Principles and values for development" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Global Alliance for ICT and Development)

Wednesday, 29 November 2006, from 9.45 and 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Robert de Jesus (tel. 1 (917) 367-2432; e-mail dejesus3@un.org); or visit <www.un-gaid.org/commonhumanity>.]

Special events on the the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)

Wednesday 29 November 2006:

Screening of the film entitled "The colour of olives", at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Opening of the exhibit entitled "Contextualization: A Palestinian narrative", at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Environmental governance: Key issues and perspectives" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social affairs, the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com); or the Permanent Mission of Switzerland (tel. 1 (212) 286-1540, ext. 1117).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), by Wednesday, 29 November 2006.]

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Third Committee

52nd meeting — The summary of the 52nd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/228).

Friday, 24 November 2006

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

297th meeting — The Chairman made a statement on a number of activities, which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

Developments in the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Consideration of the draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chairman introduced draft resolutions, entitled "Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People", "Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat", "Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat" and "Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine".

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

United Nations Asian Meeting in Support of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (15–16 December 2006) and United Nations Forum of Civil Society in Support of the Palestinian People (17 December 2006, Kuala Lumpur) (Working Paper No. 5)

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee approved Working Paper No. 5.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement on future activities of the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Qatar.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Declaration under articles 21 and 22: Andorra (22 November 2006)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Brunei Darussalam (21 November 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Notifications under articles 18 (13) and 18 (14): Switzerland (21 November 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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Daily Journal

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal.

The following list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 November 2006:

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/PV.23	Meeting held on 27 September 2006, 3 p.m. [A E S]

General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-first session
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